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SUBJECT: ROK NUCLEAR REPROCESSING

REF: STATE 020557

1. IN SUCCESSIVE CALLS AFTERNOON JANUARY 28 CHARGE CONVEYED
SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO VICE FONMIN LHO, DPM NAM AND SCIENCE
MINISTER CHOI.

2. WORD THAT USG MOVING AHEAD WITH KORI II SUBMISSION AND
TO MEET OBJECTIVES FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION
OUTLINED IN AGREED RECORD OF RECENT SEOUL MEETINGS WAS
WARMLY RECEIVED ON ALL SIDES. DPM IN PARTICULAR WAS
GRATEFUL FOR NEWS ON KORI II.

3. WITH RESPECT TO TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETING ENVISAGED
IN LAST PARA OF AGREED RECORD, CHOI INDICATED HE WOULD
PREFER WASHINGTON AS VENUE AND FIRST WEEK OF APRIL AS
TIME, WITH LAST WEEK AS ALTERNATIVE. LATTER DICTATED BY
FACT THAT SCIENCE DAY, WHICH IS MAJOR ANNUAL PUBLIC
RELATIONS EFFORT BY HIS MINISTRY, COMES IN MID-APRIL.

4. CHARGE SPECIFICALLY CALLED SUBSTANCE PARA 4 REFTEL
TO ATTENTION VICE FONMIN LHO. LATTER CONFIRMED THAT
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SHOULD ISSUE ARISE IN CONTEXT CONGRESSIONAL OR OTHER

QUERIES, US AUTHORITIES COULD FEEL FREE TO RESPOND THAT
ROKG HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED USG OF DECISION TO CANCEL
PURCHASE OF FRENCH REPROCESSING FACILITY.
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